

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 3 May 2005. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claims 1, 7, 11 and 16 have been amended to clarify the combination of elements that form the invention of the subject Patent Application. Additionally, Claims 5,6,14 and 15 have been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the Disclosure of the Specification due to informalities. In response to this objection, the informalities have been corrected.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5, and 8 – 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Kurtzon (U.S. Patent No. 2,434,781). Claims 2 – 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kurtzon in view of Maurette (U.S. Patent No. 2,383,007). Claims 11 – 14 and 17 – 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Kurtzon in view of Maurette (U.S. Patent No. 2,383,007). However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 6 – 7 and 15 – 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

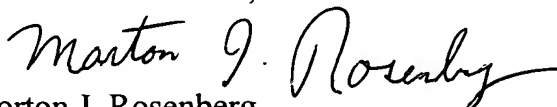
Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 5 and 6 therein, thereby effectively placing Claim 6 including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1 and any intervening claims, Claim 5 into independent

form. Thus, Claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 14 and 15 therein, thereby effectively placing Claim 15 including all the limitations of the base claim, Claim 11, and any intervening claims, Claim 14 into independent form. Thus, Claim 11 is now believed to be allowable. Further, Claims 2 – 4, 7 – 10, 12 – 13, and 17 – 20 are now dependent upon allowable base claims, and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

The references cited by the Examiner but not used in the rejection have been reviewed and are believed to be further remote from the subject inventive concept as defined by now amended claims than that used by the Examiner in his rejection.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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